

WO-250  
Old Cherrix Hardware Store  
Snow Hill  
private

1894-1895

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Old Cherry Harbore Stone

MHT Inventory Number: NO-250

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Economic

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1870 - 1930 Industrial / URBAN DOMINANCE

4) Resource Type(s):

1. Standing Structure

a. Stone

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-250

Magi No. 2402505611

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic OLD CHERRIX'S HARDWARE STORE

and/or common FASHION SHOP

## 2. Location

street & number Pearl Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Snow Hill ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street &amp; number Worcester County folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The old Cherrix hardware store, currently known as the Fashion Shop, is a two-story, three-bay brick commercial building that is located on Pearl Street in the heart of the Snow Hill business district. The building faces northeast.

Built in 1894-1895, the two-story store is laid with a stretcher bond front wall and seven-course common bond side and rear walls. The flat roof is hidden by parapets.

The northeast (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with a reworked first floor storefront. The second floor remains unaltered to any great degree with three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows topped by raised brick segmental arches. The second floor wall is set one brick in from the outer corners. Marking the space above the windows are three screened vents, and a row of corbelled bricks fill the recess in the wall surface. Finishing the top of the building is a decorated metal cornice with enriched bands of various moldings. Molded blocks terminate the cornice and each one is topped by a pointed finial.

The south side, common bond elevation is stepped toward the back of the building, and an interior side brick stove stack protrudes through the parapet. The back of the building is marked by a replacement center door and adjacent bricked-up windows. The second floor is lighted by three two-over-two sash windows, while the top of the wall is treated in corbelled brick.

The interior has been remodeled, but remaining in the rear southwest corner is the old platform elevator. The elevator is marked, "Morse Elevator Works, New York and Philadelphia." Fixed against the north wall is a period Victorian stair characterized by a large square newel post, a molded handrail, and a stick-style balustrade. At the head of the stair is a glazed door that opens into a large storage room. A modern office space has been added to the front of the second floor.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

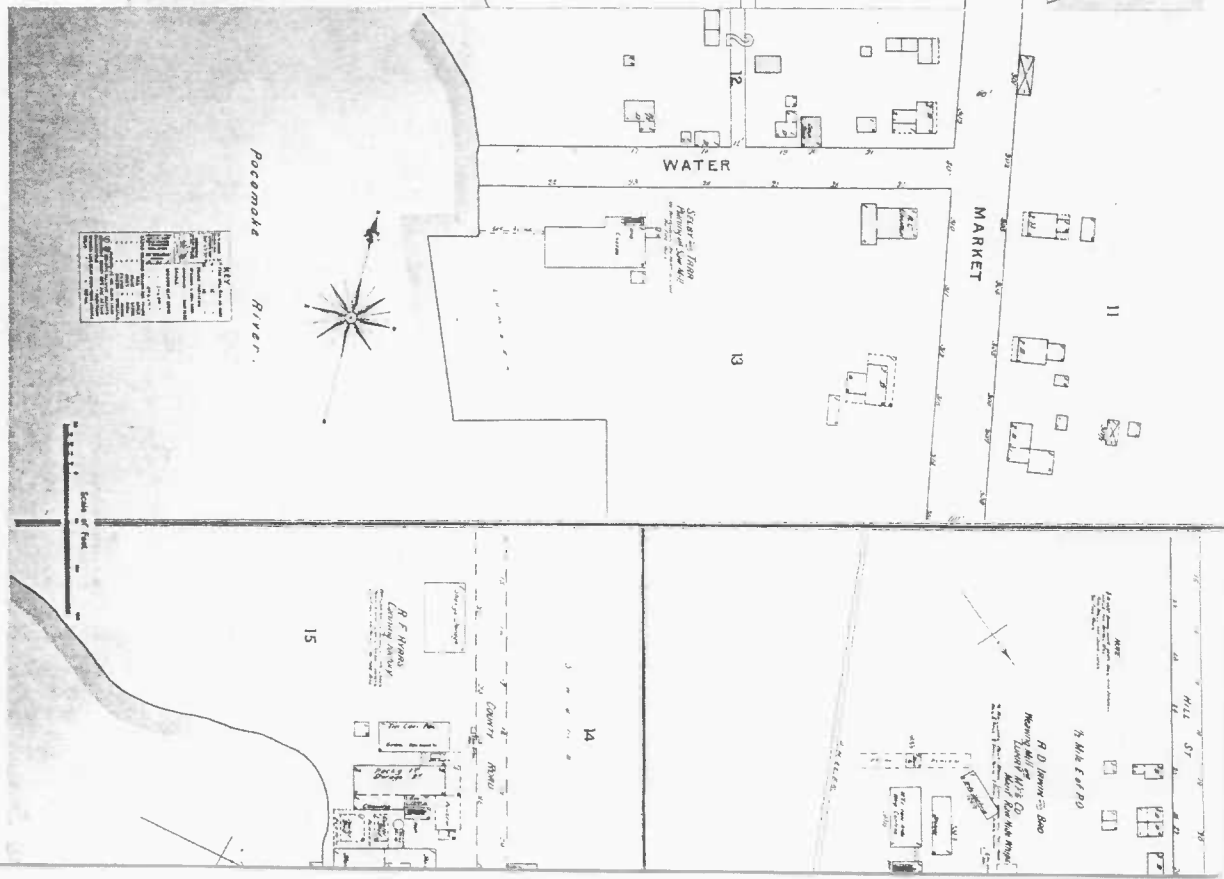
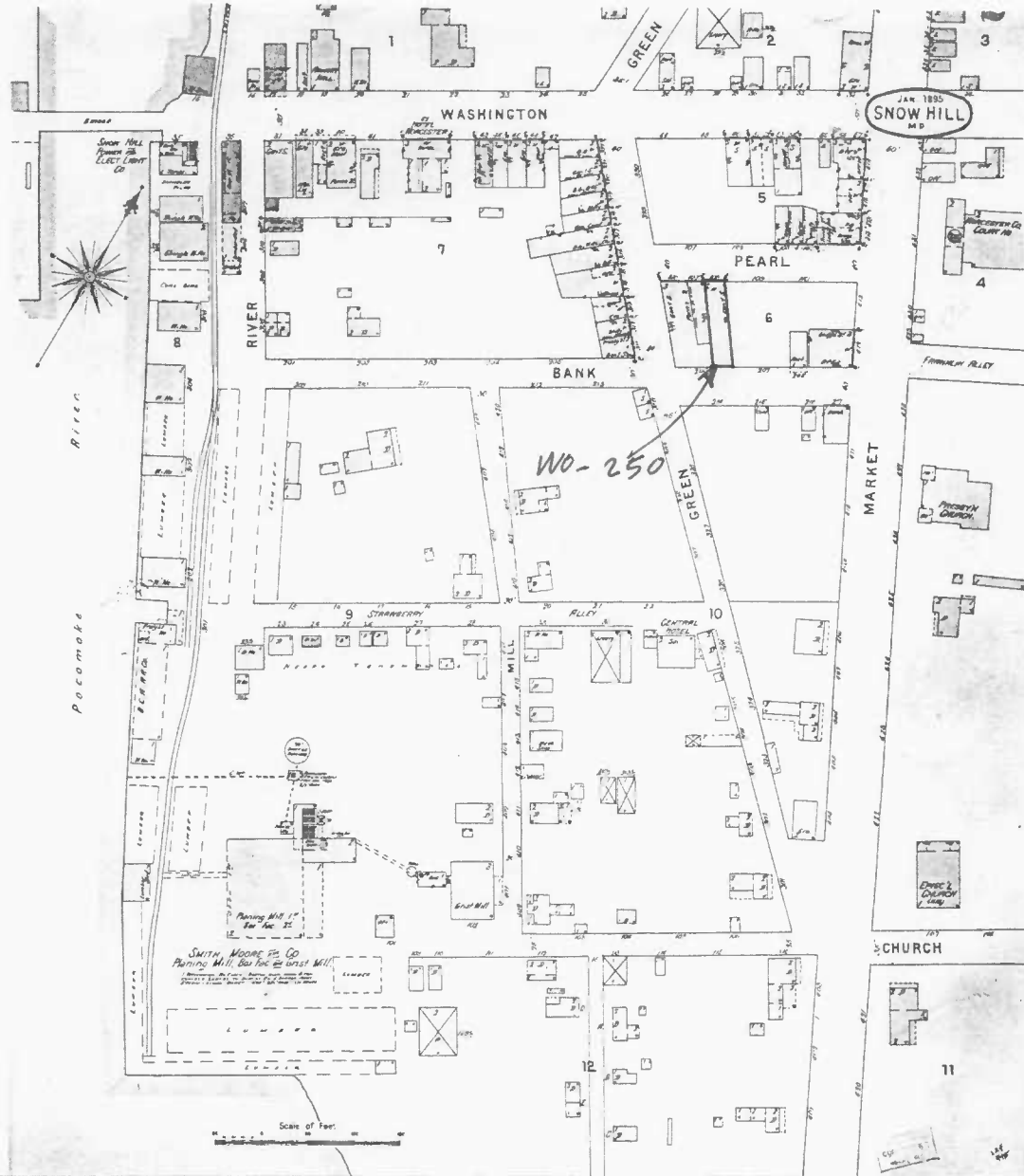
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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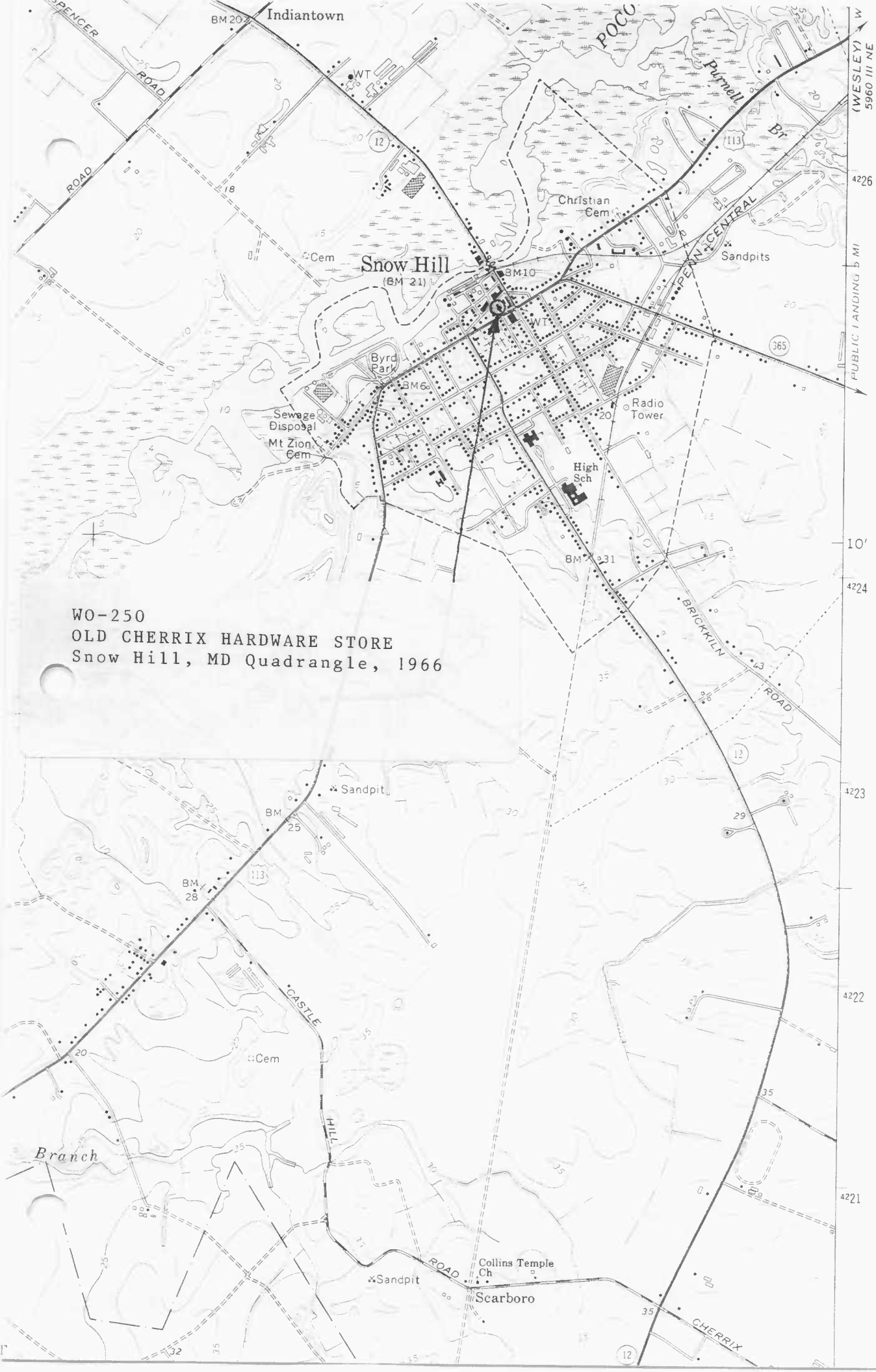


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Snow Hill, MD Quadrangle, 1966